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SUBJECT: KREISKY AND LOCAL POLITICIANS DISAGREE ON CZECH INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH TYROL

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1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND SOUTH TYROLEAN POLITICAL ACTIVISTS HAVE MADE CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS CONCERNING TRUTH OF ALLEGATION THAT CZECHS INSTIGATED VIOLENCE IN SOUTH TYROL IN EARLY 1960'S AS WAS MADE BY FORMER CZECH INTELLIGENCE OFFICER JOSEF FROLIK IN TELECAST JULY 22.

2. ACCORDING TO VIENNA'S INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE "KURIER" OF JULY 25, KREISKY TERMED FROLIK'S ALLEGATIONS "ABSURD", AND OTHER MEDIA SAID KREISKY CALLED FROLIK AN ATTENTION SEEKER, BUT "KURIER" ALSO RAN INTERVIEWS WITH TWO TYROLEAN POLITICAL FIGURES WHO SUPPORTED FROLIK'S ALLEGATIONS.

3. FORMER AUSTRIAN ACTIVIST IN SOUTH TYROL CAUSES NORBERT BURGER SAID CZECHS HAD ENGAGED IN ATTACKS

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AGAINST CIVIL POPULATION IN SOUTH TYROL IN OCTOBER 1962,

SPECIFICALLY THOSE AGAINST RAILWAY DEPOTS AT VERONA AND TRENTINO AND SCHOOL IN BOLZANO. HE SAID HOWEVER, THAT ACTIONS IN 1961 WERE PREPARED LONG IN ADVANCE BY PARTISANS THEMSELVES AND "WERE NOT PREPARED IN PRAGUE". HE CLAIMED PARTISANS KNEW PRECISELY WHO HAD UNDERTAKEN EACH ACTION.

4. HUGO GAMPER, PEOPLE'S PARTY LEGISLATOR IN SOUTH TYROL, TOLD "KURIER" THAT HIS OWN RESEARCH AND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES CONVINCED HIM CZECHS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN WIDESPREAD ACTIONS IN SOUTH TYROL. HE CLAIMED CSSR AGENTS HAD CONTACTED SOUTH TYROL LIBERATION COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERED AT INNSBRUCK AND OFFERED BOTH PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT. HE SAID CZECH OBJECTIVE WAS TO EXPLOIT TENSIONS BETWEEN GERMAN AND ITALIAN POPULATIONS IN SOUTH TYROL IN ORDER TO DISRUPT RELATIONS WITHIN NATO AND TO BLOW UP NATO ROCKET INSTALLATION AT NATZ, 35 KM. NORTH OF BOLZANO. GAMPER SAID THAT CZECH AGENTS BECAME ACTIVE ON THEIR OWN WHEN THEIR OFFER OF HELP WAS REFUSED, AND THAT PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTH TYROL RECEIVED EXPLOSIVES AND LEAFLETS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA. TRINKA

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